

## CURIOS FOR WESTERLY ORGANIZATION

Historical Society Presented Articles of Interest—Final Account in Isaac C. Lillibridge Estate—Horse Thief Calling Himself Freeman Snow, Sent to Jail—Forgotten Keys Expensive for Major Nash.

The Westerly Historical society, though quite young, is already the repository of many articles of interest by reason of antiquity, or local or general historical association and additions are gradually being made as a nucleus for a museum that is destined to be of some magnitude. The Westerly Memorial and Library association has a large collection of articles of this nature and of great value, and it is probable that when a real public museum is established there will be consolidation of interests of both organizations in that particular line.

Among the latest articles to be donated is an ancient piece of English oak, which has this newspaper's clippings attached. "Brian Wilcox, of White Rock, has shown us a piece of English oak, which is a curiosity, not only for its age, but for the way in which it is a part, and which is given as follows: Piece of the ship Sparrowhawk from England, which came in to Narragansett harbor, Rhode Island, in 1637, in a heavy gale of wind, which closed up to the harbor so that she could never get out. The crew stripped her of her sails and rigging and burnt her to the water's edge; after which she became embedded in the sand some thirty feet deep, where she remained until 1852, some 235 years, when another heavy gale occurred which washed her out.

While the relic bears all signs of age in appearance, still the bit of oak is sound, and being thoroughly seasoned, is even harder than when first used in connection with the construction of the English ship. Mr. Wilcox is now librarian emeritus of the Westerly Public Library and the relic has been in his possession about forty years. Mr. Wilcox also presented a sand shaker made of rosewood and of artistic design. This was used by Mr. Wilcox when he was in the days before blotting paper was known and when black sand was sprinkled over the letter sheet to absorb the undried ink.

Three other articles of interest have just been presented by Sartan P. Berry, who received them from his father, Weeden Berry, a former high sheriff and prominent citizen of Westerly. One is a cane, or rather a leather lash, carried by King Tom of the Narragansett tribe of Indians. Another is a pair of ivory ear-rings tak-

en from the ears of a dead Indian chief, and the portion of the skull on an Indian who took part in General Custer's last fight.

At a session of the Westerly Probate court Tuesday afternoon, Judge Edward M. Burke presiding, Louise D. Hoxie, executrix of the estate of William D. Hoxie presented release of herself as executrix, all claims against the estate, which she represented to be of the value of \$138,828. Mr. Hoxie was for many years town clerk of Westerly.

The Washington Trust company, as administrator of the estate of Isaac C. Lillibridge, presented its first and final account, which was read and approved and ordered recorded. There was a balance of \$389.61, which was ordered paid to William B. Austin, Ida L. Kenyon and Elizabeth Irish, and one eighth each, \$47.15, to George B. Austin and Mary C. Austin.

James J. Clancy was appointed administrator of the estate of Michael J. Clancy who died October 23, 1914. The bond was fixed at \$2000, with Henry G. Olney, Loretta Casey and James S. Hughes as sureties. Daniel Quarterman, John O'Donnell and John Dunn were appointed appraisers.

Judge Nathan B. Lewis, as administrator of the estate of Alice M. Wells, having assigned his interest to his sister, Alice, each of the heirs had previously received \$500. The account was examined, allowed and approved for record.

Mary F. Fiddes was appointed administratrix of the estate of Alexander D. Bell, and the bond was fixed at \$1000, with Theodore E. Black as surety. Charles G. Craig, John J. Kennedy, Simeon C. Dion appraisers.

Ira B. Crandall, a creditor of the estate of Levi W. Saunders, was given permission to withdraw his petition requiring Weyland A. Saunders, administrator, to render an accounting of the estate. Mr. Crandall's claim having been settled, he had no standing in the estate. Mr. Crandall's claim having been settled, he had no standing in the estate.

Upon petition of Clara Carter Hyatt, administratrix of the estate of Clara Hyatt Stanton, an extension of time to file the inventory was extended for fifteen days, to December 15.

The horse thief who was arrested early Monday morning by Police Constable Ferguson, on the High Street bridge, and in possession of the horse and carriage, gave still another name when arraigned before Judge Nathan B. Lewis in the Second District court. He said his name was Freeman Snow and that Boston was his home town. He pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny of a horse and carriage belonging to John R. Bell, of Philadelphia, a summer resident of Narragansett. The outfit was taken from a shed in Kingston where it had been left by Ernest Rabshaw, an employee on the Fall estate.

After the hearing, Snow was sentenced to serve a term of six months in the Providence County jail and to pay all costs of prosecution. He was as soon as Sheriff John R. Wilcox notified Chief of Police Thomas E. Brown of the theft, the chief arranged the plan that resulted in the arrest and recovery of the property.

Major Arthur N. Nash was on military duty in the state armory, in Providence, Monday night, returning to Westerly at an early hour Tuesday morning. He had left his automobile in a garage near the railway station, and when he went for it to ride home to Pawtucket, he realized that he had left his keys in the state armory and among the keys was the one that released his automobile. So he walked home. Just as soon as he came to his business he telephoned to the armory for his keys, requesting that they be forwarded by special delivery, meaning of course by mail.

"His military friends saw an opportunity for a practical joke, played it to the limit and they expect the major to bring along a box of his best cigars on his next visit to the armory. Major Nash received the keys last night. During the noon hour they arrived by special delivery, by a uniformed messenger boy from Providence. The expense, including the boy's dinner was a trifle over \$5, and it will cost the

major about twice that amount to make good with his fellow officers.

The Rhode Island Republican club was organized Tuesday in Providence and with the hearty approval of the state central committee, to further the interests of the party throughout the state. The membership fee will be \$5 a year and in return every member will be entitled without extra expense to participate in club room privileges open throughout the year, in an annual field day in July and in an annual club dinner in October.

A monthly publication containing interesting happenings in all sections of the state, together with state house news and a directory of state, city and town officials, will be mailed monthly to members. There will be a committee of five in each voting district who will be on the alert to advance the best interests of the party.

At the meeting of organization Tuesday H. Anthony Dyer, of Providence, was elected president and Howard L. Wilcox secretary and treasurer. George B. Utter of Westerly was elected vice president for Washington county, Wilcox secretary and treasurer. Frank Wolley for Kent county, William McLeod for Newport county, and Henry A. Carpenter for Providence county. The board of directors comprise the officers of the club and two additional members from the city of Providence. Samuel H. Davis is the member from Westerly, Milton E. Duckworth from Charlestown, John Taylor from Hopkinton, Harry B. Cane from Narragansett, Robert F. Rodman from North Kingstown, Rowland G. Hazard from South Kingstown, and Wendell Phillips from Richmond. James G. Blaine, 3d, is one of the members from Providence. George B. Utter is also a member of the publication committee.

Local Laconics.

The meeting of the Westerly Fire district will be held this evening. Tuesday noon the thermometer registered 56 above, in the shade, at the New News store.

Walter Craig has been elected captain of next season's Westerly High School football team.

Members of the church who have been critically ill are now making gradual improvement and his physicians expect his complete recovery.

The members of the Pawcatuck Seventh-Day Baptist church enjoyed the annual December supper an entertainment Tuesday evening.

The annual inspection of the Palmer chapter R. A. M. is to be held on Thursday evening. Supper will be served by Deborah council order Eastern Star.

Marion Berry Potter, widow of William A. Potter, formerly of Westerly, died Monday in Waterbury. She was a sister of Mrs. Emma A. Fisher of Westerly and leaves four daughters.

George Harold Stillman, age 23, son of George L. and Harriet H. Stillman, an invalid and who has been confined to bed for the past ten years, died Monday afternoon at his home, 25 Granite street.

The newly organized Young Men's Social club of Christ Episcopal church held its first entertainment and supper Monday evening with marked success. It is planned to have all the young men of the parish join this society, which is officered as follows: David Lowry, president; Howard Mott, vice president; Walter Havens, secretary and treasurer.

Thaw is Sued For Legal Services. Washington, Dec. 1.—Another phase of the Thaw case echoed through the supreme court today when John B. Gleason, counsel of Henry K. Thaw's attorneys at the murder trial filed briefs in his suit for \$50,000 for legal services. New York courts held Thaw's discharge in bankruptcy barred Gleason's claim.

SITUATION IN POLAND INDICATED IN THIS MAP AS PLAINLY AS POSSIBLE.



The battles in Poland are being fought over a territory of such enormous extent that the movements of a single day—a sweep of a few miles only—cannot be indicated in the small space available to a newspaper. It is possible only to look at the general way and with reasonable accuracy the locations of the main units of the German and Russian forces. The situation of the opposing armies, as shown in this map, is obtained from the Russian and German official reports. The result of the tremendous battles in Poland, in East Prussia and along the border of Silesia has not been determined. Apparently the situation is: 1 The whole campaign seems to depend on the ability of the Russian army which is situated at the German army in the region of Lodz to drive the Germans from a strong line of trenches they hold at Bydgosz, Zator, and Poznan. 2 The Russian army is forcing turning movements around to the north and south of these positions. 3 In the region from Poznan to Lodz, south of the Vistula, a German army seems to have regained the offensive and is making a determined effort to break through the Russian line at Lodz and to relieve the distressed forces near Lodz. It is reported that this army, Marshal von Hindenburg's,

REAR ADMIRAL ALFRED THAY MAHAN IS DEAD.

Noted Naval Expert and Writer Succumbed to Heart Trouble.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Rear Admiral Alfred Thayer Mahan, the noted naval expert and writer died today. The son of a professor at the United States Military academy, he was born at West, N. Y., 24 years ago and after notable service in the navy was retired in 1895.

He was graduated from the Naval academy at Annapolis and promoted through the various grades until, as a captain in 1895 he was retired at his own request. Ten years later, in 1905, he was advanced to the grade of Rear Admiral, retired. During the Civil war he had served on the ship Congress and later during the war was served on the South Atlantic blockading squadrons. He had done duty on American naval stations all over the world, had been president of the Navy War college at Newport and during the war with Spain was a highly valued member of the Board of Strategy. In 1899 he was a delegate to The Hague Peace conference.

Several weeks before the admiral and Mrs. Mahan came to Washington from their home at Quogue, N. Y., to spend the winter in Washington. About a week ago the admiral suffered an attack of heart trouble and was taken to the Naval hospital where he died today.

He had been in feeble health for several weeks, but it was not generally known that his condition was critical.

Surviving are his widow, two daughters, Misses Helen and Ellen Mahan, and one son, L. E. Mahan. Commanding Dennis H. Mahan, U. S. N., retired, now at the naval station, Tutuila, Samoa, is a brother.

Funeral services will be held from St. Thomas' Episcopal church, in this city tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, the rector, Rev. C. Ernest Smith, officiating. In accordance with Admiral Mahan's expressed wish, the services will be of the simplest character. There will be no military ceremonies and no honorary pall bearers. The body will be taken by members of the family to Quogue, L. I., where interment will be made Thursday morning. Upon hearing of the death of Admiral Mahan, Secretary Daniels addressed a letter of condolence to Mrs. Mahan in which he said:

Had World Wide Influence. New York, Dec. 1.—It has been said of Rear Admiral Mahan that his work on the influence of sea power on world history are responsible for the German Emperor's naval policy and have had a more profound influence on the trend of the naval thought and action, not only in the United States and Germany, but in Great Britain and throughout the world, than the writings of any other man.

In naval circles the world over his contributions on this great subject have been hailed as epoch making. His works have been translated into German by order of Emperor William, at whose request they have become textbooks for the German naval officers.

Emperor William has been for 25 years a close student of all that Mahan has written, and it is asserted that by imperial command even magazine articles have been reproduced in the German tongue that nothing from the great American authority should be lost to the Emperor's officers.

Vermont to Ship Million Christmas Trees. Rutland, Vt., Dec. 1.—Shipment of 1,000,000 Christmas trees from this state to city markets and other parts of the country has begun. The farmer has received six or seven cents a tree from the shippers this year. In the retail markets the trees may bring fifty cents and upwards.

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